## HE SCOURGED NAKED CHILDREN.

Awful Revelations at the Westchester Home Investigation.

Pierce Lays the Lash on the Tender Flesh of a Three-Year-Old Child.

A Young Girl Stripped and Beaten with the Cat-o'Nine Tails for Half an Hour.

BLOWS RETURNED FOR PROTESTS.

The Terrible Testimony Brought from the Lips of a Woman Who Believed in Her God Before Her Friendship.

A revelation of shocking atrocity was made at White Plains yesterday, when one of the former inmates of the Westchester Home testified that, while absolutely nude, she was scourged for half an hour with a cat-o'-nine-tails in the hands of Superintendent Pierce, and afterward compelled

to wear shackles for a month.

The lash was laid on until the blood flowed. Not only the victim declared this, but a woman, who is friendly to the Superintendent, but bound down by the solemn obligation of an oath, confessed it even while her speech gave way to sobs.

And this was only one of many victims, Tenderness of years and sickness seem to have had no deterrent effect in the practice of infamous brutality. A child between two and three years old had the lash applied to it, and the humanity which hedged even a hospital was disregarded and the victim dragged forth almost denuded and flogged.

Such things may be accepted with a cer-tain complacence coming from the barbaric East, but within forty miles of New York. and mingled, too, with the name of Him who is all kindness, it is almost beyond

It is a revolting story. Its cruelty is so distorted as to make it fiendish and cause all eyes to turn from the abominable results to the man who is charged with having produced them.



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## finally ran away. Under cross-examination

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Were Indorsers of Each Other's Paper-Other Failures May Follow.

The "Big Four" of the piano business is to more. The trade here and throughout the country was startled yesterday to know that the great Weber Piano Company had firms of William E. Wheelock & Co. and the Stuyvesant Plano Company. All these went into the hands of receivers or assignees appointed by the court, and though the sales rooms were opened yesterday, no sales were made or bills paid.

Piano houses in Denver, Pittsburg and Chicago, in which William E. Wheelock became presiden of the latter concern, and when the crast came could not meet its obligations. There is little idea yet of the extent of this end of the failure. The concern has houses in Chicago, Pittsburg and Denver and large interests in other towns. Work has been begun on an inventory.

Chicago, in which William E. Wheelock is interested, are now in trouble, and there are Stuyvesant Plane Comparvague rumors that the failures may affect other houses in this city. These houses are not named by the lawyers and court officers, Lawrence to ask for the because they may be able to pull through, and any hindrance at this time would make their failures a certainty for to-day.

Lawrence to ask for temporary receiver temporary receiver William E. Wheelor P. Vidand and 5

The Weber failure was a startier for the trade, for though business has been bad throughout the trade, it was thought this firm was strong, as its instruments sold at top-notch prices. Albert Weber, the nominal manager of the company, has been away since last June, managing a gold mine in the Cripple Creek district, and says he has been offered half a million dollars for his interest there. He has had little or nothing to do with the company for a long time, though having once been heavily interested in the stock. This has been by design, as the new managers of the company did not fall in with his methods.

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ness.

The Weber Company did a very large business in this country and Canada, having agents of long standing in every considerable town. Arnold, Greene & Patterson, lawyers, of the Drexel building. Wall and Broad streets, are representing all three broken firms. They went before

WHEELOCK'S OLD FIRM GOES UNDER. The firm of William E. Wheelock & Company, being the hardest tied up and argely interested in both the other concerns, made an out-and-out assignment. Justice Lawrence appointed Henry Warren RECEIVER FOR THE STUYVESANT CO. Beebe assignee. No preferences were given. This firm is composed of William E. Wheelock and Charles B. Lawson. Their All These Firms Were Closely Allied and factory is at Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, and their warerooms at No. 23 East Fourteenth street. This business was established by Mr. Wheelock in 1877, and three years later Mr. Lawson became a partner. John



